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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1863.

SCHOFIELD HAULED OVER THE COALS.

Within a few days after Gen. Rosecrans had been removed from the command of the Army of the Cumberland, Secretary Chase, Gov. Dennison, and other prominent men, mainly from Ohio, urged upon the President the policy of removing Gen. Schofield from the command of the Department of Missouri, and appoint Gen. Rosecrans in his stead, and represented the importance of doing this before the Missouri election. The President, however, refused to listen to appeals for the removal of Schofield, and decided to ignore the demands of the Missouri Radicals and retain him. The matter stood thus until the recent meeting of the Loyal League National Council. This body appointed a committee, consisting of John Covode, Jas. M. Ashley and ex-Governor Boutwell to present to the President objections to this course, to urge upon him the speedy removal of Schofield, Blair and Bates here, and of Schofield in Missouri, and to represent that the loyal sentiment of the country considered he had made a grave mistake in not sustaining the Missouri Radicals. This representation produced a marked effect. It was easy for the President to maintain the position he had chosen to take against the delegation from a single state, and representing as he considered, faction in that State, but this Committee had a more potential voice and spoke with an authority to which Mr. Lincoln in his present circumstances deemed it better policy to yield. Senator Grate Brown was specially sent for, and as the result of the interview with him and the Loyal League Committee, the order was at once transmitted directly to Gen. Schofield to report in Washington in person.

Meantime the President asked Missouri how they would like Gen. Rosecrans as Commander of the Department, if a change were made, and the reply was made that the appointment would be entirely satisfactory. The affair, of course, remains in this shape until Gen. Schofield comes.

Complaints have been made from Kansas against Gen. Schofield, which amount to charges. When he comes here, the President will confront him with his accusers.

If Gen. Schofield should be removed and Gen. Rosecrans made his successor, the appointment of the latter officer will be by the President direct and in spite of the determined hostility of the War Department and General-in-Chief. This hostility is, however, beginning to be somewhat less bitter than a month or two ago.

The statement that the Radicals in Missouri, or their representatives here, for any ground favored the confirmation of Gen. Schofield is unfounded. A paragraph to that effect was interpolated in these dispatches without the personal knowledge of the regular correspondent.

THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

There is a general expression of satisfaction at the cast of the committees, and in the House, while they are of unusual strength, it is noticed in most cases that there is a peculiar aptitude in the men appointed for the respective places. Thus, the Military Committee contains two Major and two Brigadier Generals, all of whom have seen much active service in the field. The Committee on Agriculture, headed by Brutus J. Clay, perhaps the most noted practical farmer in the West. The Committee on Patents is headed by a noted Philadelphia land patent lawyer. The Committee on Manufactures is headed by Gen. Morehead, for many years a practical civil engineer. Many similar illustrations might be selected. The Democrats make no complaint of their treatment. Fernandez was last year on the Judiciary Committee, and was raised to the Committee on Ways and Means, the most important place any Democrat in the House could have under an Administration organization. Little Cox retains his old place.

THE NEW GOSPEL OF PEACE.

Some surprise is expressed at Fernando Wood's being able to muster fifty-nine votes for his resolution for commissioners to go to Richmond and beg for peace. Fifty-nine Democrats then place themselves on peace-at-any-terms ground, under Fernando Wood's lead. Some pressure is being brought to bear for the reappointment of Fremont to the command of the Department of Missouri.

THE UNION LEAGUE.

More authentic information of the demands of the committee of the loyal league, at present indicates that they confined themselves to asking for the removal of Schofield. Efforts were made in the league to include Blair, Bates and Hallock, but the members of that body noted these propositions down

THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

The entire delegation from Illinois, Union and Democratic, are united in pressing forward the Ship Canal. Both committees before which its claims are constituted in a manner favorable to it. It will be passed this session with great earnestness and zeal.

RECONSTRUCTIVE TREATY.

The reversal of Mr. Morrill's joint resolution giving notice of the abrogation of the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty to the Committee of Commerce, is interpreted to indicate the disposition to the abrogation of the treaty.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Mr. Arnold yet through a resolution instructing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the practical workings of the treaty, and to see what amendment are needed to make it those advantageous to both parties.

DEBAT ON THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Presidency health is established. While he has been improving from the late attack of varioid, he has been saying that since he has been President he has always had a crowd of people asking him to give them something, but that now he has something he can give them all.

BELLIGERENT.

Senator McDougall is going to start off on his old hobby of presenting a resolution forcing a war with France by declaring the invasion of Mexico an unfriendly act on the part of France, and calling for an inquiry into the expediency of our declaring war against that power. It will be voted down almost without a count as soon as the Senate gets a chance to vote on it.

UNION LEAGUE.

The National Council of the Loyal Leagues has adjourned.

SENATE.

Genz Brown was sworn in to-day. This completes the roll of the Senate. Mr. Wilson moved resolutions of thanks, to-day, including one to Hooker, thus giving Congressional recognition of the value of his services in organizing a victory at Gettysburg.

NAVAL MATTERS.

Admiral Wilkes feels very much aggrieved at the imputation cast upon him by Secretary Welles, in his report, in the statement that his detention of the Vanderbilt prevented the capture of the Alabama. He is preparing a letter to Secretary Welles, and in which he will vindicate himself and place the responsibility on the Navy Department.

RECONSTRUCTION.

A bill is now prepared, and is shortly to be introduced from the Committee on Territories, intended to give shape and practical effect to the President's recommendations about reconstruction.

Highly important letters were received here yesterday by prominent gentlemen, from conservative members of the rebel Congress, asking, unofficially, to know if they could be permitted to return to the Union. They intimate that there is an earnest desire to abandon the rebellion and return, and that the question of reconstruction will be boldly presented this winter at Richmond.

THE SECESSIONISTS.

A dispatch from Consul General Joshua R. Giddings, says there are upwards of ten thousand deserters from our army, and men who have fled from the draft, in Canada, and that many of them are in a suffering condition, and anxious to return to their places. A proclamation is talked of.

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FROM SPRINGFIELD.

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Recruits continue to arrive but not to that extent that will enable us to avoid the draft. The Provost Marshal General and the District Provost Marshals are busily engaged in preparing their rolls, and every movement seems to indicate that the draft will take place in January.

Had the application of Keyes in the procrastination case been successful, as many sanguine Lincolnites would have been made upon the State Treasury as there are copperhead members. The decision cuts of the whole fraudulent batch.

Lieutenant George W. Hill, former United States Mustering and Disbursing officer at this place, has been dishonorably dismissed from service for disobedience of orders.

The Illinois soldiers, at Chattanooga, have sent the allotment commission to Col. John Williams, of this city, $120,054 for their families.

The amount of Government tax realized in last Congressional district for the year ending August 31st is $255,195.12, of which Sangamon county pays $62,000, and Tazewell $112,000.

FROM MILWAUKEE.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 14, 1863.

Rev. Livermore, Government agent in charge of abandoned Mississippi plantations addressed a large audience at the Academy of music to night, on "Government Policy," commendating peculiarly the profit of leasing plantations.

Several leading citizens in this city, Larrabee, Madison, Rudist, Kenosha and elsewhere were among companies who leased plantations.

Mr. Livermore will be at the Tremont House to-morrow night, (Tuesday) to meet citizens of Chicago and confer with such as wish to lease plantations. The Government wants fifty thousand energetic loyal users this winter.

FROM JEFFERSON CITY.

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The anti-war party was winning victory to-day in the Legislature, but although they had a majority of four on joint ballot, the House became involved in a row which enabled victory from them by adjournment.

FROM CHATTANOOGA.

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The reported acceptance of Gen. Palmer's resignation is a error. He sent it in soon after the battle of Chickamauga, but matters having been made satisfactory he will again command the 14th corps.

A courier from Knoxville last night brings highly encouraging reports.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 14.—Col. Watkins, commanding a Kentucky Brigade, returned to-day from a cavalry reconnoissance, as far as Lafayette, dashed into Lafayette, captured a rebel Signal Station, six officers and forty privates. The balance of a large force of rebels fled.

The 52d Penn. regiment has been ordered home for furlough, having re-enlisted as veteran volunteers. Numbers of veteran regiments and batteries are prepared to enlist under the new order.

A report prevails that Longstreet, in his retreat from Knoxville, lost four thousand prisoners, nearly all his cannon and trains.

Gen. Palmer's resignation as commander of the 14th Corps, which was accepted, has been countermanded to enable the battle of Chattanooga.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—It is reported that a court of inquiry is to be held, at which all the facts in regard to the recent movements of the Army of the Potomac will be traced out.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 13.—Gen. Meade will retain his present position as Commander-in-Chief of this army.

A special to the *New York Herald*, dated "Culpeper Court House, Dec. 12th," says:

Deserters from the rebel lines state that large numbers of rebel soldiers will take advantage of the amnesty offered in the President's Proclamation, as soon as they can become acquainted with its provisions. It is averred that the soldiers would have come over to us in bodies long since if they could have been satisfied that they would not at once have been impressed into the Union service. They have been assured by their officers that that would be the fate of every deserter. No doubt a large majority of the North Carolina and border slave troops are heartily sick of the war, and desirous of returning to their allegiance.

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14, 1863.

A stampede of rebel prisoners took place last night at the Gratiot street prison. They dug a tunnel from the lamp room closet to the cellar of an adjoining building, and eleven succeeded in escaping before the rush was discovered. They were chiefly deserters and citizen prisoners.

Gen. Hovey, Assistant Inspector General has been inspecting troops in this vicinity to-day by order of the War Department.

A soldier of the 2nd Illinois Cavalry attacked a member of the Provost Guard last night for asking for his pass, and was shot in the leg by the guard.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Michael Powers, Paymaster of the 13th Missouri Volunteers Company, was robbed on Thursday of $25,000, while preparing to proceed up the road to pay the month's wages to the regiment. The money was taken from a room in which he had temporarily placed it. It is thought that the robbery was committed by some one in the employ of the Company. The loss will fall upon Powers' bondsmen.

The Chief of Police has left at the banks and banking houses the numbers of $200,000 worth of Treasury notes, in 20's and 50's, requesting bankers not to take them, as they had been stolen. This indicates that another extensive robbery has been made, the particulars of which are yet kept secret.

The scheme of Fremont, Leonidas Haskill, and McKinstry, for moving out the rebels in Missouri, will fail, on account of the known impecuniosity of the proposed purchasers.

Three hundred negroes from Boone county, have been sent to join the negro regiment forming at Jefferson City.

The War Department has sent on an order to pay the old regular army premium of two dollars for each negro recruit.

FROM ST. PAUL.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 14, 1863.

Col. Fry telegraphs Capt. Saunders that the Minnesota Mounted Rangers, who have just been mustered out, can re-enlist as veterans in the new cavalry regiment which is being raised for State service, and receive $402 bounty. These are the most favorable terms offered anywhere, as they were in service less than a year.

Capt. Burke, of the Overland Expedition, and Col. Marshall, of the 7th Minnesota, reached their homes in this city last evening.

The people will vote on the proposed bonus to the Superior Road, to-morrow. The Opposition hold a meeting to-night and are very active, though it is not probable they can defeat the measure.

FROM BELOIT.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

BELOIT, Dec. 14, 1863.

The quota for this city under the last draft is fifty-four. Though we have sent 107 men above our credits, we still propose to honor at sight all of Uncle Sam's drafts. The city voted on December 5th, to pay volunteers to the number of fifty-four, the sum of $200 each, additional bounty. In the evening of Dec. 9th we had enlisted 55 men. The same bounty will enlist one hundred men just as easily. In these times can say town or city show a better record? Other towns are joining are following the example and this week vote upon a similar appropriation to fill up their quotas.

It is refreshing to notice a movement in Congress to have sub-districts credited to the amount of men sent into the field. Under the present arrangements we furnish equally as many men as Copperhead localities that have done nothing comparatively heretofore.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

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CAIRO, Dec. 14, 1863.

We have had several arrivals from Memphis to-day, the latest being the steamer Hillman, Cayton Master, with Cheek, bringing August 31st to 12th and 13th inst., but no news of any kind worth telegraphing.

The Hillman made the trip in just twenty-four hours.

A steam packet arrived here during the afternoon, bringing Adj't. Gen. L. Thomas and staff en route for St. Louis. The General is slightly ill from fever. He speaks hopefully of the ultimate success of his operations in organizing colored troops and other movements inaugurated and being inaugurated below. Gen. Thomas was received by Gen. Reid, commanding this post, with a salute of 11 guns from Fort Cairo.

We learn from Columbus this morning that Capt. Frank Moore and a detachment of the 2d Illinois cavalry have within a few days whipped another gang of guerillas, captured about twenty prisoners, and driven the entire band from their tramping ground, which was down among the cane-brakes at New Madrid county.

Sol. Street himself, the leader of the gang, had a narrow escape from capture.

The Belle Memphis brought up 150 prisoners, yesterday, from Memphis, and started them for Alton on the steamer White Cloud.

Jackerd, of this city, who was badly beaten by the brothers Kettle, deserters, last week, died from the injuries on Friday morning. He was a member of the 17th Illinois. The murderers are still at large.

From New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Advices from New Orleans state that Gen. Banks had an attack of the piles, and Sherman was the man who was to go to New Orleans.

A bark was captured at the mouth of the Rio Grande with a cargo valued at $100,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1863.

Mr. DIXON of N. Y., presented the petition of a large number of astronomy and nautical assessors, asking for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Dixon also gave notice of a bill amending the conscription act in such manner as to exempt all clergymen.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Conn., the Senate proceeded to the election of the following standing committees:

Foreign Relations—Sumner, Wadman, Foster, Hamlin, Doolittle, Johnson, Sherman.

Finance—Fessenden, Chairman, Harris, Cowan, Clark, Van Winkle, Cameron, Morrill, Ten Eyck, Morgan, Sherman, Powelson, Sauthmayd.

Commerce—Grimes, Chairman, Fessenden, Wilson, Lane of Kansas, Howard.

Military—Wilson, Chairman, Anthony, Wilkinson, Harding, Hicks.

Naval Affairs—Hale, Chairman, Foster, Ten Eyck, Harris, Howard, Howard, Powell.

Post Office and Post Roads—Collamer, Chairman, Grimes, Lane of Kansas, Sauthmayd, Doolittle, Harlan.

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DEVOTED.

BY JOHN MIDDLETON.

Rain and snow falling in the glorious weather,
Rain and snow, and yet the day is clear;
Sweet is the sunshine, but the rain is better
To the dry land and the parched air.

The back green willow, the black moss covered
The gold of the sun, we count all dross,
We have seen God, we have felt Him near us,
Taking the course of the rippling rain.

Perhaps, reader, you think it very silly
Thus to talk of God and the rain;
We can't, we won't, be so sadly wise,
Our hearts are young, our hearts are gain.

A Thunderer when the black clouds wither,
"Does it not rain?" and the fields revel?
"I may not crave—and the fields revel?"
Pensive preacher, though hard, I will be!

No backward path! all be retreating;
Come to me now in the dark days drear;
Come as it darkens! "In the night of weeping"
Thunder or gloom, I'll be cheerful!

A brave word, a cheerful word!
Hope, hope, hope, for the hard words;
Wind the sails on her, homeward sailing,
Steer down the lily and flower the wind.

Steady preparer rising and bowing
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And hold ready for battle sidewing
The play green ribbon that shroud so fair.

While, O my heart! as white sails skiver,
Are the hopes of the Christian's wife,
How hard to believe, with lips that quiver,
That moving speak on the far of life.

Further, further—I see it—I know it—
My soul, I know it, I know it!
Only my heart is my heart will show it
All with a double day of day.

And yet I know yet at dazzling truth,
A Friend—yes, a Friend—I know it—
I know as we loved, he will love me only—
I am better—oh better than I love him.

And as I walk by the vast calm river,
The spirit-land so dazzling in the sun,
Lay—thy breath and thy spirit forever
Absorbed by his thoughts that rose to me!"

FROM EUROPE.

MR. COBDEN ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

Why the Rebellion Cannot Succeed—England will Not go into the Congress—The Great Match Between Heenan and King.

On the 24th ultimo Mr. Cobden delivered his annual address before his constituents at Manchester. Three thousand persons were assembled, and the Mayor of the city presided. Mr. Cobden devoted the greater part of his speech to a consideration of American affairs, especially in relation to the attitude of the British Government towards the United States. After a few preliminary observations on the necessity of Parliamentary reform, and of the completion of the free trade system, he spoke as follows:

THE ADVOCATES OF INTERFERENCE IN AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

At the present moment there is a party in this country actively advocating an interference in the affairs of America. [Hear, hear.] When I say interference, I mean we have a party here who are advocating either recognition or something which means interference, if it means anything. [Hear, hear.] I have seen lately a report of two meetings of constituencies in the west of England—at Bristol and Plymouth—at which liberal members, representing popular constituencies, have been recommending that the Government should enter into arrangements with some foreign country in Europe, in order that they may recognize the South in America, and interfere to put an end to the war in that country. [Very proper, and high.]

I observe that the idea which pervades those members and their constituents was this, that this strife in America was to be settled in a peculiar way, according to the dictates of those particular parties. [Hear, hear.] From the beginning of this American war, this lamentable conflict, from which you have suffered so much, one great and fundamental error in the conduct of statesmen and governments, and in the conduct of a large portion of the influential classes in this country, has been, that they have made up their minds that there can be but one issue to this civil war in America, and that is a separation between the North and the South. [Cheers.] I told you when I was here last, when that spirit was, if possible, even more ripe than it is now, that I did not myself believe the war would issue in that way. I have stated the same opinion since in the House of Commons; yet I declare to you that, taking what is called by a cant phrase in London society, "the world," means that upper ten thousand with which members of Parliament are liable to come into contact in the clubs and elsewhere, nineteen-twentieths of the "world" (if I may use the phrase) that you meet in those parlors in London have been firmly convinced from the first that the war would end only end in separation. [Hear, hear.] How far the wish was father to that thought I will not inquire. I do not, you think, have enough to do at home? Do you suppose that I have so little to do that I can afford to cross over to America to set that country in order?

THE EUROPEAN CONGRESS.

What is the meaning of the utterances we have heard from French Emperors with regard to the project for a European Congress? The arrangements of the treaty of Vienna are torn to tatters. [Hear, hear.] Yes, the Emperor's own words are "torn to tatters." That is not a consolatory thought for us who have fought for many years and have spent a thousand millions in that war, yet we have lost that the treaty for which we fought has been torn to tatters. At all events, we may take this to mean that Europe has enough to do at home without going to interfere in America. [Cheers.]

THE PROPOSED CONGRESS.

The Times says never has any proposal been considered so lightly, and with a more sincere desire to show respect to its author, than the French Emperor's invitation to a congress by the British government. The result of the first deliberations of the government was naturally to ask for information as to the subjects to which the Emperor proposed to call the attention of his diplomatic guests. The French government sent an answer proposing four subjects of discussion, The affairs of Poland, of Italy, of Denmark, and of the Danubian principalities. The ground having been thus cleared it became the duty of the British government to consider these four subjects. That the deliberations have been long and anxious is shown by the fact that a month has been held. It is a very odd that probably any hesitation arose more from respect to France than from doubts as to the merits of the scheme. The more the matter was considered the more insuperable seemed the difficulties, and the more questionable the advantages. At last it was resolved to decline entirely, with a full recognition of the Emperor's great services and good intents toward Europe. At the cabinet council held yesterday, the reply of Great Britain's consideration was finally sealed, and was dispatched last night to Paris.

The Daily News confirms the statement of the Morning Post that England will not accede to the proposed congress. It understands that the French Government will shortly receive a clear statement of the grounds on which the English Government feels compelled to decline to accept the Congress.

La Presse says that all the continental powers last accede in principle to the congress except Austria, which Government has not made known its decision.

The reply of Russia had been received. It is said to be courteous and conciliatory, but asks for information as to the objects to be discussed.

THE PRIZE RING.

[From Bell's Life in London, Nov. 22.]

As the day draws near for this important affair, the excitement increases to an extraordinary extent, and the prospects of the mill being brought off satisfactorily, are considered very favorable indeed.

It had been arranged last week that a meeting should take place at our office on Thursday last, to determine on some place where the question could be discussed without interference; but want of punctuality was the rock upon which Heenan's friends split, and when they arrived Richardson, the representative of Tom King, had departed; so the plans that we had struck out as likely to be successful, fell to the ground, and matters are still in *statu quo*. It is high time now that some arrangement is made, as either of our places will require a good deal of preparation and management. It remains, however, to be seen whether King's friends will agree to office.

Owen Swift, on the part of Heenan, has stated to us that the Benicia Boy is quite willing to have everything in our hands and has no desire to make it a money-getting speculation by a train, so that we foresee no difficulty whatever in that quarter. We are sorry Owen could not meet Mr. Richardson on Thursday, so that negotiations could have been at once commenced. As it was not to be, however, we shall be glad if the parties will meet at our office at 12 precise on Wednesday, November 25, unless in the meantime some other arrangement or agreement is come to between them. Either of the places we have mentioned can be carried out; but each must at present be kept profoundly secret, for fear of a discovery, which might lead to interference.

As to the ring keeping on the occasion, we rejoice to say that's what is before us, and which will take the roughs entirely by surprise, and, we have every reason to believe, will effectually deprive of the pleasure of their company, but how that plan is to be carried out we are not, of course, at liberty to say.

The betting during the past fortnight has been heavy for Heenan, and 6 to 4 and even in some few instances five to four has been taken in money. The colors of both have been out for some time, and are now in ready sale. We hear excellent accounts of the work both are doing, and we do not entertain a doubt but that it will prove a highly entertaining character, and will be fairly fought out between man and man, with a view to ascertain who is master.

The final deposit of £100 a side to be made on Thursday, November 26, at Mr. Richardson's Bleu Anchor, Church street, when it is just possible a hint may be dropped as to the probable direction and the actual day of the battle. Before concluding these few observations we feel bound to express our high satisfaction, and yet there are many persons who will doubtless be disposed to question the propriety of such a course, but we feel that we have done our duty in the matter, and leave the responsibility of the whole transaction with those who have taken the management of these matters into their hands.

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THE CITY.

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THE FIRST SNOW STORM.—Yesterday ushered the first snow storm of the season. The morning was a genuine specimen of winter, towards night all the weather moderated. The cold spell is upon us; the leaves are all off the trees, and we are to expect cold weather from Thursday, and thing as was the wind, a stronger draft than that Genesee so speedily.

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Like one who beholds the roaring waters of Niagara, I hesitate, though conscious of the grandeur of the crisis of our Country. I have no thought of wasting effort or time in proving the utter want of wisdom in the policy, that Religious people, Christian people, have been deceived, and of the direct sympathy and aid, which they have given to the enemies of God, and truth, in dictating, in the name of Christ, the policy of the Government, in the people in against the tyranny of crowned heads, their worship of untried much in popular fashion. In the beginning the government of the Union, against the southern enemies is a question of war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt, and to meets growing out of this war which will cover the latitude of the people in this hour of trial.

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Our news from Arkansas is confirmation of previous reports relative to the growth sentiment of the people of that State when once the rebel power and terrorism broken. From present appearances, Texas will be the first of the rebellious States to rejoin the Union, and sit "clothed in the right mind" among her recovered sisters.

From Cairo we have particulars of a recent guerilla firing on the steamer Vicksburg, which she narrowly escaped destruction. As it was, the attack gives a painful list of casualties in killed and wounded; among the former, the Captain of the steamer.

In the Senate yesterday, Davis, of Kentucky, set about his old game of abusing loyal men, and heaping ignominious reproaches upon them. He woke up Hale of New Hampshire, who fell at work upon the Kentuckian in sledgehammer style, driving him from point to point, and finally forcing him to beat a retreat and retract or modify his libels. The day of unlinked rebel rant in the Federal Congress is over.

On the inside, this morning, we give a revised publication of the closing period of President Lincoln's recent Message, and the entire Proclamation, happily set over against the lugubrious production of Jeff. Davis, which reads like the wail of a dying buccaneer. There is no sound in it but the death rattle, and no promise but of speedy dissolution without our resurrection.

Bayard, of Delaware, is evidently in quest of cheap martyrdom, by refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the United States as prescribed for all Senators. He threatens to resign if he is forced to do so. The temper of that body will find another name for it if his resolution does not waver. Resignation indeed—did Bright resign? The contumacious rebel from Delaware cannot too soon give place to a better man.

The Army of the Potomac has finally gone into winter quarters, and under a general order furloughs will from this time forth be granted to officers and men who, by their good conduct, have deserved them. In all the reverses and failures that incompetent leaders and blind counsellors of counsels have visited upon this noble army, its soldiers have won deathless renown for their courage, and have deserved what has at last come—complete success. Gen. Meade is to retain command, as capable for such charge in bivouac and camp, though among its first outfits for active service will probably be a new commander.

A rumor comes from Nashville of a republic sustained by Gen. Sheridan's advance in pursuit of Longstreet, but it will be safer to discredit it, as warned in the dispatch itself, since our special dispatch from Chattanooga makes no mention of it. Other than this point in doubt, all is quiet both at Chattanooga and Knoxville, and the war in Tennessee presents only the new feature of a rapidly growing disposition among its people to relieve themselves from rebel rule, and purge themselves from the rebellion by the provisions in the President's recent Proclamation. Already multitudes are pressing forward to take the oath.

There is still a doubt whether the rebels have shut off the supplies of necessaries from reaching our soldiers, prisoners at the mouth of the Cumberland. The question of fact should be settled as early as possible, to the relief of the thousands of friends of the prisoners at the North, whose good offices should not be called forth only to be made futile, and yet who will unwillingly cease from sending forward supplies if they can reach their destination.

The measure introduced in the Senate by Mr. Lane, of Kansas, whatever be its fate in either body of Congress, will be of about as much practical effect as an act to require snow-falls in Kennebec. It is out of the reach of legislation, and any statute sought to cover the subject would fall dead and inoperative from the start. Take opinion we venture more in consideration with the facts than from any sympathy with the interest sought to be abolished. Dealing in gold, in foreign exchange, and all the modes, tricks and practices of the Wall street traternities will still be in vogue when the child of to-day is a very old man, and can only feebly remember the great rebellion.

Gen. Schofield goes to Washington to give place to a better man in Missouri. The Conservatives of that State are in a bad way, rejected, as they are, both by people and President, and now deprived of their military champion.

Gold in New York was a shade easier yesterday, closing at 47 3-8, a falling off of one cent from morning quotations.

The disappointment of the rebels over Longstreet is beyond concealment. One of their newspapers bitterly says, "the result of Longstreet's campaign may be summed up in a single word—nothing." The possession of this region is absolutely indispensable to the rebellion, and so confessed by them.

A brigade of colored troops in General Butler's department have accomplished a noteworthy exploit. They marched from Portsmouth, Va., to Elizabeth City, N. C., taking possession of that place.

A gallant Illinois officer, Col. Chetlain, of Galena, commanding the 13th Illinois volunteers, has been made Brigadier General of colored troops. A good selection, and a splendid copy of a man to set before the imitative and courageous black soldiers.

CHARACTERISTIC.—The secesh organ, yesterday, makes a great splutter over publishing the Message of Jeff. Davis. Of course the organ of treason would exert itself to get out the treasonable utterings of its rebel master. Nothing more natural than it should have received an advance copy from the veritable Jeff. himself. We publish all the extracts this morning necessary to let our readers understand the drift which the plans and prospects of the rebel leaders are taking, and that is all, we presume, they will care to know. The blow the organ makes to cover up its relish for treason is too absurd for notice.

ATROCIOUS MURDER AND ROBBERY AT SHARON, WIS.

Flight and Capture of the Murderer.

(Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.)

Woonsocket, McHenry Co., Ill., Dec. 14, 1863.

A most atrocious and unprovoked murder was committed, on Wednesday night last, at Sharon, Walworth county, Wisconsin. A fellow, whose name was subsequently ascertained to be Kaufman, called about nightfall at the residence of a well-to-do citizen named Stephen Crook, and set there talking till late at night. He then asked if he could stay all night, and being answered in the negative, went out. Mrs. Crook told her husband that she feared from the shifty looks of this traitor guest that he would attack the house. Crook lit his lamp and went out to the barn. In a few seconds the wife was startled by hearing